

STATE OF OHIO

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-09T

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

WHEREAS, the problem of homelessness continues to present challenges to Ohio citizens who lack access to adequate shelter or housing options; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through a number of state agencies, provides a variety of services, programs, and housing to persons at risk of becoming homeless, experiencing homelessness or suffering chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio depends upon assistance and contributions provided by local communities, non-profit organizations, citizens, and others; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the effective and efficient delivery of these services that these efforts be coordinated to avoid either gaps in services or overlapping efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor convened a group of state agencies, service providers, and interested parties to study the issue of homelessness and to provide a plan of action to address this challenge; and

WHEREAS, this group has recommended that the establishment of an Interagency Council on Homelessness and Housing would be a major step toward eliminating homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a statewide partnership provides a coordinated effort for state, federal and local response to the challenge of ending homelessness with emphasis on ending chronic homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby create the Ohio Interagency Council on Homelessness and Housing.

This Council will include the Director or a designated representative(s) from:

- 1) The Departments and Offices of the Governor: Aging, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Criminal Justice Services, Development, Education, Health, Job and Family Services, Mental Health, Retardation and Development Disabilities, Faith-Based Initiatives, Veterans Affairs, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Rehabilitation and Corrections, and Youth Services; and Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Faith-Based Initiatives, Veterans Affairs, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Rehabilitation and Corrections, Youth Services; and

- 2) At least six service providers or statewide organizations representing providers, by appointment of the Governor; and
- 3) Any other state agency and/or public representative deemed necessary to accomplish the mission of this Council, by appointment
- 4) The Chair of this Council shall be a member of the Council as selected by the Governor to fulfill this position.
- 5) This Council shall meet twice annually, or more often as needed, and provide a report to the Office of the Governor at least once annually on the progress of this important initiative.
- 6) This Council shall serve as the planning and policy development body for making recommendations to the Office of the Governor on short and long-term statewide strategies and plans to address homelessness prevention, with emphasis on eliminating chronic homelessness.
- 7) Effective with this Order, I revoke all Executive Orders issued that are inconsistent with this Order. This Executive Order shall expire on my last day of service as Governor of the State of Ohio, unless rescinded before such date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
Hereunto subscribed my name and
Caused the Great Seal of the State of
Ohio to be affixed at Columbus,
Ohio, this ____ day of ____ Two
Thousand and Four.

Bob Taft, Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State